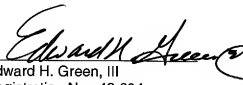


**REMARKS**

Applicant elects the claims of Group 1 (claims 1-16) for examination on the merits. Non-elected Group II claims (17-18) are cancelled without prejudice of a divisional filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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